THE MIRROVR OF COMPLEMENTS.

To offer service to a King.

SIR:

IF words were able to expresse the duty in which I hold my selfe obliged to present you my most humble service, I were most ingratefull and unworthy of the light of heauen, for since you captivate the glory of the greatest Emperours upon earth, I should much forget my selfe, if I thought my vowes alone sufficient

PHOT of 50451

to deſerve the favour of your moſt princely grace; In which the greateſt Monarchs of the world indeauour to continue. Pardon then that fervent zeale which compels your ſubiects to ſuch acknowledgement as is due unto your Majeſtie. And let mee ſpeake it with permiſſion, that the greateſt honour I can poſſibly attaine, is to dye worthily in ſome action of your ſervice.

SIR:

HEaven hath his *Iove*, the Gods, the Sunne and the Stars, but your vertues are ſo univerſally adored of the people, that you fill the gods with jealouſie and emulation, and ſo long as your Majeſtie ſhall continue in this world, the earth ſhall haue poſſeſſion of that glory wherewith ſhe may compare with heaven. I adde nothing to this truth, but the due preſentment of my moſt humble ſervice, nor would I wiſh for any thing, but a fit occaſion to maintaine it with the perill of my life and bloud.

SIR:

I Haue beene a long time poſſeſt with this deſire to proſtrate my ſelfe at the feete of your ſacred Majeſtie, to tender you my vowes, and

and I ſhall account this the moſt fortunate occaſion that euer I could be bleſt with, hoping ſo much (alſo) in the affection which you beare to vertue, that you will daigne to accept the offers of my moſt humble ſervice. And permit mee with due reverence to affirme it, that the heavens could not have done mee more injuſtice, then in ordaining my nativity under any other influence then this of yours, which is the onely age that iuſtly can bee ſtiled happy, ſince the beginning of this Monarchie.

SIR:

IF the vertues of our anceſtours were in your juriſdiction at this preſent, and that to obtaine the gracious favour of a Soveraigne, it were onely requiſite to bee deſcended from a noble and a generous extraction, I ſhould bee more confident to offer you that reſolution and experience, which nature and my induſtrie have conferred upon me. For my Father beſtowed his youth, and to his death continued (nor ſought he for retirement) in the ſervice of your predeceſſors; and the vertues of my anceſtors are eminent in all thoſe places where the Sunne imparts his luſtre: notwithſtanding I hope theſe offers of my moſt humble ſervice ſhall not be unpleaſing, ſeeing that I trace the

ſteps of my predeceſſours, and that I would not live but in the quality of your moſt faithfull humble ſubject.

To offer ſervice to the Queene.

MADAM:

WIth permiſſion from the King, and this of your Maieſtie, I aſſume the boldneſſe to preſent you with my humble duty, and to expreſſe my ſelfe, that there is nothing in the world which I deſire with more vehemencie then to be your moſt humble and moſt faithfull ſeruant and ſubject.

MADAM:

THe honour which I received this day in kneeling before the King, would yet appeare but lame, and not fully perfected, if I had not this happy occaſion to preſent my vowes unto your Majeſtie, and to tender you my moſt humble and moſt affectionate ſervices, which I ſhall eſteeme in the higheſt degree of honour that I can poſſibly attaine.

To

To give due reſpect unto a Noble man.

MY Lord, as I eſteeme it a great favour to have the happineſſe to ſalute you, and to doe my dutie to your honour; ſo ſhall I alwaies account my ſelfe moſt happie, if it may pleaſe you to accept mee for your Lordſhips moſt humble and moſt obedient ſervant.

My Lord, the place you hold amongſt great Princes, and thoſe noble vertues wherewith you are ſo perfectly adorned, oblige me to make offer of that little which is in mee; that in all occaſions I may be able to render you moſt humble ſervice.

My Lord, it may pleaſe your excellence to permit this humble expreſſion of my due reſpects, hoping that heaven will bleſſe me with ſome favourable opportunitie wherein I may more effectually manifeſt how much my ſoule doth thirſt to doe you ſervice.

To ſalute a Gentlewoman with an intention of marriage, and to offer her his ſervice.

ALEXANDER.

GEntlewoman, I doubt not but you will repute my addreſſes both too bold and too preſumptuous, but I hope your heart is as full of bountie, as your eyes of beautie, and will not be unapt to pardon that reſolution which (proceeding from my love) hath encouraged me to come and offer you my moſt humble and moſt affectionate ſervice.

CLARINDA.

SIR, I am ſorry that I have not had the honour to know you ſooner, and I wonder that you offer ſervice to a perſon that is ſo unworthy of it.

Miſtriſſe, it is the excellencie of your diſpoſition which makes you ſpeake ſo.

Excuſe me Sir, for truth commands my tongue to uſe this phraſe.

Miſtreſſe, I ſee ſo many noble and modeſt vertues expreſſed in your courteſie, as perſwade my

my affectionate hope, that my intentions ſhall be acceptable, and that in time I may attaine to ſome thing in your good favour.

Sir, if I had any good favour in me, it ſhould be wholly at your diſpoſe, but having none, you cannot hope for any.

Miſtriſſe, you have ſo many graceſull beauties, that I ſhould be moſt happy to poſſeſſe and to enjoy them. And I ſhould be much preferred in my owne eſteeme, if I had the favour to be affected by you, as much as I love and honour you.

When I condiſcend to your affection, it muſt be ſo well diſpoſed, that it exceed not the termes of civill honeſtie.

This it is which makes me honour you more deerely, and makes you ſtill more lovely. And I beſeech you to beleeve it, that my intentions have beene alwaies holy, and that I never aymed but at honeſt ends. What! did you thinke otherwiſe? and that I had pretended ſomething that might be preiudiciall to your honour? no, I wiſh my heart may be deprived of life, before it ſhall give place to ſuch a villanous deſigne: No, I intend for ever to continue your faithfull and moſt obedient ſervant, as mine indeavours ſhall expreſſe me in all occaſions wherin I ſhall be employed by the honor of your commands.

Sir, my affection shall be the pledge of that gratitude wherewith I thanke you for this and all your other undeserved favours; I am your humble servant.

Mistresse, it is I who am so much obliged to you, that I want all meanes to requite it, and therefore Mistresse I beseech you, and conjure you likewise, that I may obey you in all things where you shall thinke me capable to doe you service: in the interim after a thousand recommends, I humbly take my leave of you, leaving with you my heart for a pledge of my fidelitie and assured constancie.

Fare you well good Sir, I thanke you with all my heart for your kinde visit.

I hope to see you againe, and that ere long, if I may with your permission.

Sir, while your requests are civill, and your intentions honest, you shal alwayes finde these doores open both to you and to your friends, who shall be even welcome to the best entertainment that our poore abilities will permit, and therefore you may come at all times when please you.

Mistresse, I assure you that in going hence I deprive my selfe of a most faire day, to bee imprisoned in such horrible darkenesse as I know not to expresse. For I protest, that without you, I have neither day nor light, and

and therefore the time of this ſad abſence will be ſo grievous to mee, that each moment will ſeeme an houre, each houre a day, and every day an age, if I be not cheriſhed with my hope to bee in your good graces; and therewith I ſhall reſolve to be patient.

Theſe are exceſſive phraſes, but I hope you are not ſo paſſionate as you pretend. Farewell Sir, we ſhall ſee you ſome other time.

Miſtreſſe, in this you both injure your own moſt excellent beautie, and my moſt faithfull affection; but I hope time ſhall give you a more perfect view both of mee and it, ſince neceſſitie doth now force mee to leave you: yet I ſhall never leave that affection which your faire eyes have caſt upon my ſoule. Adieu ſweet Miſtreſſe till I ſee you againe, which ſhall be as ſoone as I can poſſibly.

At the Review.

ALEANDER

I Proteſt unto you my faireſt Miſtreſſe, I never beleeved the torments of her abſence whom a man affecteth to be ſo piercing and ſo cruell: for I ſweare to your faire eyes, the true ſtarres of my fortune, that I dyed of impatience to ſee you againe.

CLARINDA.

Is it poſſible? Sir, I cannot credit it.

Miſtreſſe, beleeve it I beſeech you, if it pleaſe you, for I aſſure you that I could not any longer ſupport the extremitie of that anguiſh which I ſuffered during my tedious exile from you the ſweeteſt object of my indear'd affections, wherein my ſoule receiues ſuch full contentment.

Sir, all this may be Sir, for your words ſeeme to import great paſſion.

Miſtreſſe, I proteſt unto you, I am not capable of any contentment in this world, ſaving that which pleaſeth my affections, either in the vifuall or intellectuall view of your moſt graceſull beauties.

Sir,

Sir, I know my ſelfe unworthy of theſe attributes, and therefore though I take them as in jeſt, yet if you perſiſt, I ſhall thinke you uſe them in deriſion.

And why (ſweet creature) have you that conceit? I aſſure you I ſpeake it from my ſoule. And aſſure your ſelfe, my deareſt Miſtreſſe, that you now behold a man that is intirely yours, and one that deſireth not to live, except onely for your ſervice. But that which breeds my greateſt difficultie is, that I muſt be ſome while abſent from you to diſpoſe ſome affaires of great importance. And I beſeech you to beleeve, that whereſoever I ſhall goe, I ſhall alwaies carry in my ſoule the lively image of your perfections, and that I ſhall not live, but by the Idea of your faire eyes, with a perfect reſolution to obey you in all occaſions: Adue ſweet Miſtreſſe till I ſee you againe, and I pray you excuſe me that I can no longer wait of you.

Sir, I give you infinit thankes, farewell till another time.

To

To offer service, thereby to give occasion of a correspondent amity with some stranger.

ALEXANDER.

SIR,

ALthough I have not merited the honour which I have to see you, and to kisse your hands with a most cordiall and absolute affection; yet that earnest desire which I have to be accepted into your acquaintance, and admitted to your friendship, hath given me the boldnesse to present my selfe before you, to receive the honour of your commandements, and to offer you the due indevours of my service.

CLODIMAN.

Sir, It is a great contentment to me, to see the good affection which you beare mee, and I am much obliged unto you for the paine which you have taken to come and see mee; assuring you, you can never goe to any place where you are more

more truely welcome, or where you have more power.

Sir, the desire I had to see you, and to be acquainted with you, put mee in resolution to come hither, and offer you my most humble service, with this humble suit, that you will be pleased to accept it.

Sir, you oblige mee infinitely, and I am very glad to see you, but more to understand your good affection to me. And though I am unworthy of it, yet I beseech you to continue it, assuring you of my part, you shall finde mee a most faithfull friend, and I hold my selfe much honoured in your amity, which I accept with a most thankefull heart; and I am onely sorry for the trouble you have had in my occasion.

That which you call a trouble, is to me, Sir, a great contentment; for I am alwayes best pleased when I have the happinesse to see men of your quality and merit, and most especially, when they honour mee with their friendship.

Sir, you doe me too much honour, and oblige mee to bee wholly yours; so that I shall alwayes endevour to manifest the effects of what I speak; and time shall let you see, that you have not a friend more assured, then I shall labour to approve my selfe.

To

To thanke a friend for some Courtesie.

SIr, I thanke you a thousand times for the great paines you have taken for me, hoping that heaven will grant me some happy occasion, whereby I may returne you some good service for a recompence. I shall ever be obliged unto you for this ample & actuall expression of your love in this urgent and pressing occasion, for which I am much indebted to you.

Sir, This is the least that I could doe for you, it is not worthy your remembrance. I would doe more then this a thousand times for your contentment; for this is nothing in respect of my desires to serve you.

Ahlas Sir! I have already had so many large expressions of your excessive courtesies, and you have so much obliged me unto you, that I want abilities to satisfie so great a debt. But in lieu of recompence, I beseech you to command me where you finde me capable to serve you.

Sir, you shall ever finde mee a true observant of the rules of friendship, doe you only continue your affection, and then assure your selfe you may command my service. For your good deeds doe very much exceed all that I have done, that I do,

or

or can doe for you. But though I am not strong in power, yet I shall ever have a strong desire to doe you some good service.

Sir, my good deeds towards you have beene such poore things, that I need not labour to answer you upon so meane a subject, but if I can, I shall be alwaies glad to serve you.

Sir, by this meanes still you increase my obligations, and therefore howsoever, if I cannot have the opportunity to pay you, yet I beseech God to reward you for me.

To goe to visit and salute a friend upon his new arrivall after some iourney.

SIr, so soone as I knew of your much desired returne, I could not omit the office of a friend in comming to salute you, and to continue the offer of my humble service which is ever at your disposé.

Sir, I am very humbly yours; but I am infinitely sorry that you have hindered me of the honour to come and see you first, for so I intended, as soone as I had refreshed my selfe a little, for I am but newly alighted.

Sir,

Sir, I should have beene very sorry if you had troubled your selfe to come to mee; and I was therefore desirous to prevent you by being here as soone as I understood of your arrivall.

Sir, you oblige me abundantly to thanke you for the paines you have taken to come hither. But it belonged to me to render you that office.

You should not use these termes to the poorest of your servants, and one that hath nothing to present you but the duties of his obedience.

O good Sir, it is for me to obey your commandements, for you honour me a hundred thousand times beyond my merit.

Let us leave this discourse, I beseech you Sir, for you know very well, that I am wholly yours. But tell me, I pray you, how have you had your health this long journey.

The best in the world, thankes be to God Sir, onely at N. *I was a little troubled with a fit of a feaver, but it was quickly gone.*

I beleeve you may well be weary; for your journey was both very long and toylesome.

Excuse me, Sir, I am no whit weary, for my horse travelled very easily, ambled altogether.

I am glad with all my heart of your pleasant voyage, and yet much gladder of your happy returne:

returne; But if it please you I shall assume the boldnesse to demand some newes of you, how goe all things there, is there any newes?

I can assure you there is none there but good, all is well there, onely they feare, and that with great likelihood, they shall have great warres this summer.

How, doe they talke of warres say you?

Yes, for the King of N. demands aid of his allies, but what the event will be, is yet uncertaine.

I thinke that Countrie will never be in peace, there's nothing but warres there continually.

Indeed Sir at this time it is so, but I shall tell you more another time when I have leisure, now onely I desire your favour that I may repose a little.

To entertaine a friend that comes to visit us.

YOu are very welcome, good Sir, you honour me a thousand times above my merit, especially from your particular.

Pardon me, Sir, it is I that have received the honour.

It is the exceſſe of your good nature makes you uſe that phraſe proceeding from that goodneſſe which is native in you.

Sir, my indevours ſhall be as witneſſes to give a faithfull teſtimony of the love I beare you.

Sir, you oblige me too much, I have not merited theſe favours from you.

Sir, this is but part of my reſpect, for I owe you much more in things of greater conſequence.

Sir, there is no need that you ſhould uſe theſe termes to your obliged ſervants.

Sir, it is ſo defective in that part, that I ſhould moſt obliged both to you and all my other friends.

Sir, I wiſh to ſerue you in all that I am able, and I ſhould more willingly expreſſe it in action then in ſpeech.

Sir, you have alreadie expreſſed it very amply, and I were worthy to be thought ingratefull if ever I ſhould faile to make acknowledgement that I am much beholding to you.

You ſhall excuſe me, Sir, if it pleaſe you, for I never gave you cauſe to ſay you are beholding to me, nor was there ever any ſuch occaſion; but it pleaſeth you to ſpeake this out of the bountie of your ſpirit.

Sir, it is the debt it ſelfe which exacteth theſe words,

words, that I may confesse my selfe to be wholly yours.

I see that you will conquer me with courtesie, but if it please you to sit, we shall discourse more at leasure.

I thanke you Sir, it needs not; besides, it were undecent for mee to bee first in place, but if you please to sit, I shall keepe you company.

Then I pray you sit you there.

It shall be then to obey you.

Sir I am your servant.

Sir, it is I that am yours, and the most affectionate of all your servants.

Sir, shall it not bee offensive if I make bold to aske you what good winde brought you hither?

Chiefly Sir to have the honour to see you, and to know the disposition of your health, and then to kisse your hands, lastly, to beseech you to impart what good newes you heare from London.

There is no newes there, onely the King is gone to Hampton Court.

Then

When one meeteth a friend in the ſtreet by accident.

GOod morrow to you Sir, this meeting makes me happy above my expectation: tell me how you doe?

Very well thankes be to God, and alwaies moſt humbly ready to doe you ſervice.

I am yours with all my heart.

In good faith Sir it troubled mee extremely that I had not the honour to ſee you, and I know not what to thinke of it, nor upon what occaſion.

Sir, I aſſure you I have bin at your lodging many times, and I know not if they told you or not, but I could never have the happineſſe to finde you within.

And that is ſtrange, for I ſtirre abroad as little as may be. But what newes heare you? any that's good?

No truely Sir, I heare none at all, onely Mr. *N.* told me juſt now, that *N.* and *N.* were ſomewhat contentious yeſter night, and were like to have fought after ſome high words and injurious ſpeeches.

Verily you have a good memory to retaine all theſe circumſtances, but is it very certaine?

I have told you my Author, if he be a lyer, I ſhall diſcredit him.

But it is a common phraſe, that a lyer ought to have a good memory to keepe him from miſtaking, and inable him to defend both the right ſide and the left.

You reckon me in the number then Sir, you have commended mine ſo much.

Pardon me Sir, I thought it not, of the contrary I praiſe you therfore the more, for a good memory includeth not that vice, but it is rather a guilt of nature which ſhe alloweth not to all, not to me eſpecially, for mine is very fraile. But I like better to have it ſo, then therewith to abuſe the truth, in ſtudying how to circumvent another.

But Sir, he that alledgeth his Author, cannot be betrayed, if ſo be he prove not falſe to him. But he dares not, for there was good company with us when he ſpake it.

Sir, not that I would attempt to injure either your life or honour, much leſſe your reputation; But I am afraid leſt you be made the Author of it, and that he may abuſe you authorizing his fable upon the teſtimony of your ſpeeches.

That which you ſpeak Sir, cānot but be good, for to medle with that which doth not concern one, it is to be in danger to be mocked & expoſed to deriſion and reproach; hereafter I ſhall

be more ſecret and retentive, and I thanke you for your good adviſe; but as for me, I aſſure you it is not my invention. And if he did deviſe it, yet he ought not to make me his inſtrument to divulge it, albeit he may have told it to others that ſhall likewiſe tell you the ſame; And howſoeuer though I am not well aſſured of the certaintie, yet I am certaine that he told it me.

An offer to accompany a Friend.

SIr, I ſhould willingly offer you my company, if I thought it worthy your acceptance, and that I ſhould not trouble you.

It is ſo farre from that Sir, that it would be a great honour to mee, and a thouſand times more then I deſerve, for ſuch company as yours, cannot but be pleaſant and delightfull to all that love honour and vertue; but I feare leſt in ſo doing, you will trouble your ſelfe.

Sir, if my poore companie may pleaſure you, I offer it with all my heart, but I feare to importune you.

Alas Sir, you will trouble your ſelfe too much, and for me I doe not deſerve it, and therefore I ſhould be unwilling to permit it.

Pardon

Pardon mee Sir, this is no trouble, this! I would I had the happineſſe to bee alwaies in in your companie, if it might be, I ſhould ever account that time well beſtowed, which were ſo imployed.

Sir, you oblige mee too much, trouble not your ſelfe ſo, I beſeech you, ſeeing you have other affaires that import your more then this; I kiſſe your hands with all my heart.

Sir I have no affaires but ſuch as (for my love to you, and to render you the reſpects I owe you) I ſhall willingly diſpenſe with: beſides, your good affection to mee, doth oblige mee much more in a farre greater matter; and therfore I aſſure you that I have nothing which can hinder mee at this time.

O good Sir, it is I that muſt be beholding and indebted to you whiles I live, but I ſhould be ſorry to divert you from your more ſerious affaires, which I feare cannot diſpence with you ſo long as in your courteſie you ſpeake of.

Sir, I will not detaine you here any longer. Here you Boy, carrie thoſe things thither, and in the meane time, Sir, with your permiſſion, I will goe into the Coach.

I will not refuſe the honour, ſince it pleaſeth you ſo to conferre it, and that you will goe, though I am very unwilling to trouble you, yet I will

attend you thither.

These Gent. shall oblige mee so much as to keepe you company while I dispatch that businesse.

To give a Present to a Friend.

SIr, here is a Booke which I would present unto you, but I am ashamed to give you a thing of so small value, as is not worthy your acceptance.

Alas Sir! you indeare mee too much, you need not entertaine such feares, nor put your selfe to so much trouble; but I may very well be sorry, that I can never meet with a good occasion to returne your favours; I must intreat you therfore to excuse my want of power, and to accept and use my service as a poore part of recompence and satisfaction.

Sir, doe not (I beseech you) refuse it because it is little, for (with all my heart) I wish it of a greater value, that then it might bee more proper to your merit.

Sir, every publique action that is done so freely, should bee answered with some expression of respect to those that honour us; but I that am not

able

able at this present to returne you the like courtesie, can onely thanke you for this booke, intending to reade it often for your sake.

Sir, this is a trifle not worthy your remembring, onely I beseech you to reckon me in the number of your friends, and of your humblest servants.

Sir, I am yours most affectionately, and so I shall endevour to approve my selfe in all occasions where you shall please to try me.

We need not make tryall of the thing wee doubt not, and for my part I never distrusted the integritie of your affection.

That which I said Sir, was onely to assure you of the good will I beare you, and not that I think you have any suspition of me.

Sir, I haue a long time knowne the sincerities of your intentions, and I beseech you to excuse me, that this present is not correspondent to your merit, and that you will not reflect upon the gift onely, but upon my good will and affection wherewith I offer it.

Sir, I highly esteeme both the one and the other, and therefore I shall rest your debter.

To

To desire some Courtesie of a Friend.

SIr, I have a suit to you, but the feare I have to be denied, makes me unwilling to move you in it.

Sir, what is it you desire of me, Sir? I am ready to do any thing that may content you, so that it do not exceed my power.

Sir, if it be not too troublesome, I shall desire you to make my peace with M. N. for I know you are very powerfull with him.

Sir, you cannot trouble me in any thing in the world, and for this businesse I promise you that I will use my best indeavours to give you all the best satisfaction in it that possibly I can.

Sir, being I have never deserved this favour, you have a just cause to thinke me both bolde and troublesome; Onely necessitie is my warrant, which I hope your courtesie will accept for an excuse; for indeed, Sir, it imports mee much in a businesse of great consequence.

Deare friend, my forces are farre short of my desire, notwithstanding I will doe what lieth in mee (by GODS assistance) to attaine your purpose.

Ah

Ah Sir, your forces are greater then this affaire requires, if it bee your pleasure so to use them; and therefore, I beseech you, and conjure you to make triall.

Sir, to take away all doubt of my good intention, and to satisfie your request, I promise you to use all my power and credit, and to moove him in it when I see him next.

They say that Opportunity hath all her haire upon her forehead, and that wee cannot hold her when she is past us, because she is bald behinde; and in this occasion especially I feare the danger of delay.

Doe you not know that there was one who by one onely demurre, reduced the common wealth of Rome into a quiet government.

Yes very well Sir, but we neither live in that time nor place, nor is this businesse of that nature, and though he by his lingring did save his Countrey from that fearefull ruine which threatned it, yet there hath beene an infinite number who have lost whole kingdomes by negligent omitting of good opportunities. And this affaire being so different from that, both in it selfe, and in the qualitie of the persons, requireth likewise another manner of proceeding.

It is soone enough, if well enough, I will go about it immediatly, I meane, to speake with your man,

man, and beleeve it in a short time you shall see the effects. Farewell till I see you next, and be confident of me.

To invite a Friend to Dinner.

SIr, you shall oblige me very much if you will do me the honour to come and take a poore dinner with me.

I thanke you with all my heart, I have not merited the favour of your courtesie, But I pray you excuse me for this time.

Why Sir, you shall do me a great favour if it please you, and for a requitall I shall serve you in all things where it may please you to imploy me.

Sir, you are too courteous and perswasive to be refused, and therefore I shall trouble you.

You cannot Sir, but you will do me a greater honour in it then I know how to deserve.

Sir, use me as your servant, I beseech you, for I do not affect ceremonies.

Truly Sir, it is not because I have any thing to dinner, that is worth your tarrying: But there is no remedie, you must a little exercise your patience with me, as a testimonie of your ove.

If

If all that are injoyned to abſtinence, were well aſſured of the like ſufferings, their penuance would be verie ſweet and pleaſing. This is an exceſſe of favour which you do me, therefore I pray you pardon me if I prove troubleſome.

There needs no pardon where there is no offence, and I tell you that you cannot trouble your ſervants, and thoſe that eſteeme you equall with their lives. But I muſt rather aske you pardon for having ſtayed you here to ſuch poore entertainment. Nevertheleſſe you have it with a good heart.

You have honoured me too much, but to requite you I ſhall alwayes and in all occaſions labour to manifeſt (if my abilitie conſpire with my good deſires) that I will very freely both uſe mine owne endeavours and my friends to do you ſervice.

At ſitting downe to the Table.

THere then Sir, I beſeech you ſit.

After you Sir, if it pleaſe you.

No Sir, I pray you Sir.

No I proteſt, Sir, if it pleaſe you, you ſhall ſhew me the way.

Well Sir, it ſhall be then to obey you, ſince you will have it ſo.

Reaſon

Reason will have it so Sir, but here is a great deale of good meat more then needed, you know excesse is forbidden.

Feare it not Sir, what we leave will not be lost, here are people enow in this house to take an order with it, and therefore you need not thinke of it, nor use so many Complements in a house that is wholly at your dispose.

But let us drinke I pray you, for good wine warmes the blood.

I thanke you Sir, with your leave I will be bold to drink to your good health, and to drink a whole one.

Sir, I thanke you heartily, and after that I will drinke a health to his Majestie; hoping you will do the like.

Most willingly Sir, I pray GOD preserve him, and us also.

Sir, to the good successe of your journey, and I beseech the divine bountie to blesse it, and to hasten your returne, that we may shortly meet and be merrie together in perfect health, and so I drinke to you.

Sir, I shall answer you with the like weapons; to your good health.

Other

Other Complements at sitting downe to the Table.

To the Invited.

ALEXANDER.

COme my Masters, please it you that wee wash our hands?

The invited.

After you Sir, if it please you.

ALEXANDER.

Leave Ceremonies, for I cannot abide them. Let us wash, if it please you.

The invited.

Sir, they are not Ceremonies when a civill and a due respect commands them. You shall be first if it please you.

ALEXANDER

Well, well, seeing you will not be ruled, let us wash together.

The invited.

Sir, it should not be so, but your desire hath all authoritie upon us.

ALEXANDER.

And what, my masters, will you not please to sit?

The

The invited.

It ſhall be after you Sir, if it pleaſe you, and ſeeing it appertaineth to you in right and equitie, theſe ceremonies are needleſſe.

Aleander.

Well Gentlemen, to give you content, I will ſit here.

The invited.

Sir, you ſhall advance your ſelfe if it pleaſe you.

Aleand.

Maſter *N.* you ſhall ſit there if you pleaſe, for that is your place appointed.

N.

You make me much aſhamed Sir, of the exceſſive honour which you doe me.

Aleander.

The cleane contrary way Sir, I doe not render it according to your merit, for one cannot attribute too much honour to men of your ranke and qualitie.

The invited.

Sir, I beleeve you mocke mee when you uſe theſe termes ſo farre above my deſert, for you know Complements are frivolous among friends, as you and I have bin this many a day.

Aleander.

One cannot honour you enough againe I repeate it.

It

The invited.

It is all to the contrarie by your favour, for you cannot doe so little as will not be too much.

ALEXANDER.

Goe to, let us eat I pray you, what are wee here for? shall I carve to you?

To entertaine a friend at the Table.

SIr, I must desire your patience, that you are so sorrily entertained.

Oh good Sir, it cannot be amisse with me in your company, but rather a thousand times better then I deserve.

I am sorrie we knew no sooner of your coming, for then we had beene better prepared, and whereas now we have nothing but ordinarie, and all because you took us unprovided: but there is no remedie, I pray you take such as there is in as good part as if there were more and better.

The good will and the deed are both apparant, but what would you more? for my part I would not wish to be better.

However let us be merrie and cheerfull,

though we have not wherewithall.

Sir, I know no cauſe you have to ſay ſo, for I have not ſeene a table better furniſhed, nor meat better ordered, what would you wiſh for more? as for me, I need no urging, I go well enough without a ſpurre.

There is nothing here but what is common; ſo it hath pleaſed God that thoſe things which are needfull are eaſie to bee had: And ſo likewiſe he hath provided that thoſe things which are not eaſily gotten are not ſo neceſſary; pleaſe it you that I cut you ſome Capon; But let us drinke firſt.

The Maſter of the feaſt his excuſe to his friends after dinner or ſupper.

Maſter.

GEntlemen, now I crave pardon for having ſtayed you here to ſuch poore entertainment; verily I ſhould bee much aſhamed of it, if I were not confident of your love and courteſie, wherein I hope you will excuſe my

 errour,

errour, and impute it to the great contentment which I receive in your good company.

The invited.

Sir, you have prevented us in discharging that account which more properly belonged to us, for wee ought to have taken hold of the first occasion to give you thanks for the good welcome and the goodwill were you have made us. But the heart shall be ingaged for the requyte, and shall alwayes make you such actuall expressions of his remembrance by the effects, as he shall be permitted or invited by a fit occasion.

Master.

My masters recreation is very good after meales, will it please you then to take a turne in the garden.

The invited.

The company likes well of any thing that shall please you Sir, but perhaps it will be greeable to you.

Master.

It cannot trouble me, for at this time I have no such important businesse, besides I cannot have any trouble in this companie, but rather all pleasure and contentment. Let us go then Sirs if it please you, for I use not to leade my friends out of doores, but rather into the house.

The invited.

It shall be then to obey you Sir, since you will have it so.

Master.

And now Mr. N. what thinke you of this Garden, is it pleasant?

The invited.

It is a very large one, and well made, it wants nothing but water to keepe him fresh.

Master.

There is water yonder above, and when there is occasion wee let it runne downe; It comes from that adjoyning Rocke.

The invited.

See here a very fine convenience, which I perceived not till now; But is this water also good to drinke?

Master.

Most excellent good, it's cold in Summer, and warme in Winter: and besides that, it is farre lighter then any that we have in all these parts.

The invited.

That is it which the Physitians commend so above all others, and according to the Proverbe, Good corne is heavie, and good water light.

Master.

Maſter.

The way to the Spring is ſomewhat ſlipperie and ill-favoured; but one cannot have all commodities in one place.

The invited.

That is true Sir, and yet every one cannot have ſuch as you have. God keepe you in good proſperitie; and ſo taking our leaves of you, we recommend our ſelves to your good grace.

To take leave of ones friends at parting from ſome place.

SIr, now is the time that calls to my departure, and therefore by your favour, I come to take my leave of you.

Sir, I thanke you very humbly, and I deſire but one thing of you, that is to forget the groſſe welcome you have had here.

Sir, you ſhall pardon mee if it pleaſe you, for I ſhall never agree with you in that, For you have done me a thouſand times more honour then ever I deſerved of you.

It is I Sir that am to thanke you for the paine you have taken to come and ſee me; But I hope ere long God will give me leave to requite it.

Sir, whensoever it shall please you to doe me that favour as to come to see me, you will oblige me very much, and I shall endeavour to make you welcome, not so well as you deserve but as well as my poore power can possibly attaine to.

Well then Sir, I recommend my selfe to your good graces.

And I mee to yours, which are much better, I will not bid you farewell, for I verily intend to come and see you one of these mornings, when you shall least dreame of it.

I dare you to it, and assure you you cannot come so soone as I desire, but I doubt me you will not oblige me so much.

Sir, goe no further I beseech you.

I will not leave you here.

You are so too-ceremonious.

Permit me to doe what belongs to me, am not I the Master of the house?

Now then goe no further if you will oblige me.

Well Sir, since you will have it so, I kisse your hands, and remaine your very humble servant.

Footman, my friend, I pray thee commend me humbly to thy Ladie.

Sir, I shall doe it my selfe.

Sir,

Sir, it will be too great a trouble to you.

Sir, this is the least part of the service that I owe you, and which I desire to doe for you.

You oblige me too much Sir, and for part of recompence, I beseech you serve your selfe with me where you finde me capable.

I am yours Sir, and so I take my leave of you without a farewell, because by Gods grace I hope to see you againe shortly.

To bid a friend farewell that is going a journey, or retiring to his Country.

SIr, being constrained (by the necessity of my affaires) to leave you, I cannot but with much griefe, part from you, who have so much obliged mée with your noble favours, that I shall ever hold my selfe ingaged to render all the services I am able, both to you and yours. I know very well that I have often troubled you, and for the present, I cannot make you any other satisfaction, then to offer you all that I am, with protestation that I am wholly yours, and shall bee so while I live. Accept then if it please you, my most humble salutes, and doe me the favour to honour me with your commands.

Sir, I am very sorry, and much troubled for the losse which I shall have of your good companie; howsoever since it is of necessitie, that this day I must sustaine this losse, I pray God your departure with us, may bee as profitable to you,

as

as I desire it, and that wee may (to comfort us in your absence) have this satisfaction, that you shall have more pleasure and contentment in the places more remote, then if you were nearer to us, and in discontent: for I must confesse we have not had the meanes to give you that respect, which is due unto your merits.

Sir, I have had nothing here but all contentment, and a thousand times more favours then ever I deserved from you, and your friends likewise, for which I most humbly thanke you. But to make short, Sir, doth it please you to command me any thing?

Why Sir, are you not ready to goe?

Behold Sir, there is nothing stayes mee, but to receive the honour of your Commandments, and then you shall quickly see mee mounted.

Sir, I shall take it as a great happinesse if you will vouchsafe to honour me with yours.

Sir, I thanke you with all my heart, but I stay here, onely to render that respect which I owe unto your merits.

Sir, I am utterly confounded at that excessive honour which you doe me.

Alas

Alas Sir, this is the least part of my debt, it is I that have received the advantage.

I thanke you Sir for the paines you have taken, if I may serve you in requitall, I shall doe it very gladly.

This is no paines Sir, what is this, I could not doe lesse at my departure then take my leave, and give you thankes for all your favours.

Sir, therein I am much obliged to you, but as for that, I will not give the ultimum vale, *or the last adieu, for I hope yet wee shall have the happinesse to see you againe one day.*

That shall bee as it pleaseth God, to whose good graces I recommend you, and mee to yours.

Sir, you shall goe no further if it please you.

Good Sir let mee goe with you to the next turning, if no further.

Sir, no further, I beseech you. But I am very forgetfull, permit me (with your favour) to bid my Lady farewell.

An audience to a Ladie

Madam, your preſence, and your faire vertues would retaine me here a longer time, did not the neceſſitie of my affaires compell me to this unhappie ſeparation, which I muſt make, though moſt unwillingly, and againſt the proper courſe of all my ſtrong deſires. But I will not leave to honour you, which I live, with this aſſurance from my oath (ſweet *Madam*) that whereſoever I become, in me you ſhall alwayes have a moſt affectionate and faithfull humble ſervant.

Sir, I aſſure you I am very ſorrie for your ſudden departure, which my eyes would witneſſe with continuall weeping, were I not comforted by the hope I have of your ſafe and quicke returne.

Madam, my further ſtay could but procure your further trouble, and therefore you cannot have any cauſe to grieve at my departure.

Sir, your behaviour and converſation is ſo pleaſant, and your company ſo honeſt, that I cannot but reſſent the loſſe.

Theſe are yours *Madam*, which ſo inſenſibly attract

attract the verie ſoules of thoſe that know them. But to omit this diſcourſe, which though I ſhould continue while I live, I ſhould rather leſſen then increaſe the glory of your merits; For the preſent I am to take my leave of you, beſeeching God to protect you. Adieu ſweet *Madam*, I recommend my ſelfe to your good prayers.

Adieu good Sir, I pray God keepe you, and grant your journey a good ſucceſſe, and that we may enjoy the benefit to ſee you returne ſpeedily, merrily, and in good health.

A courteous Diſpute about the firſt ſetting out.

NOw Sir, I have diſpatcht my buſineſſe, it reſteth onely that I kiſſe your hands, and take my leave of you, Adieu Sir.

I have told you that I will not part with you here, let us go then if it pleaſe you.

You ſhall go firſt then, I pray you for it belongs to you.

I pray God deliver me from ſuch an abſurditie, I do not leade any man out of the houſe.

Ha, let us go then and exclude ceremonies, I had rather erre in civilitie then be too troubleſome, it ſhall be to obey you.

Sir, I am he that is your humble ſervant.

Sir, Although my bodie may bee abſent from you, my heart and my deſire ſhall bee alwayes preſent with you; and I beſeech you to beleeve my promiſe, which I give you as an aſſurance; and therewithall I kiſſe your hands and bid you farewell.

Fare-

Farewell good Sir, God guide you, I pray you forget me not.

To excuse himselfe to some one, and to demand pardon for some offence.

SIr, I am verie sorrie for the fault wherein I have offended, and I beseech you that I may taste, as well the sweetnesse of your pardon as the bitternesse of my repentance; I confesse that I forgot my selfe very much, and I am amazed to thinke how I could do it, especially since it was so wholly opposite to my designe and purpose, which was never otherwise then disposed to obey you in all occasions; but this happened I know not how, whereof I heartily repent me, and therefore I present my selfe before you, to render you what satisfaction it shall please you to require.

But that is not sufficient to excuse such a rude fault as this, which in some sort hath given

a

a great wound to your owne credit; and I adviſe you hereafter, to exempt your ſelfe from ſuch follies, leſt you incurre ſome ſuſpitious cenſure of diſloyaltie, and of ingratitude towards your beſt friends.

Sir, doe not (for all that I beſeech you) utterly exclude mee from your favour, leſt you likewiſe injure the honour of your clemencie, and give ſome blemiſh to your courteſie; and which is more, leſt you offend God very highly, who commands us to pardon the faults of others, as freely as we deſire forgiveneſſe of our owne.

Well, ſeeing you come in this manner to acknowledge your errour, I will forget it for this time, upon condition that you doe not increaſe it by a relapſe, for then your fault will admit no excuſe nor pardon.

Sir, I hoped for no leſſe from the mildeneſſe of your good diſpoſition; and I promiſe you I will keepe ſuch a carefull guard upon all my enſuing actions, that you ſhall never more have cauſe to complaine of me.

You ſhall bee welcome hither at all times, ſo long as you behave your ſelfe well and diſcreetly, and therefore let us ſee you here more often then we have done of late.

Sir,

Sir, the fault I had committed, was the cauſe of my long abſence, not preſuming to appeare before you, during your indignation; but I hope by Gods aſſiſtance to repaire my errour by a better life and converſation, as I deſire and reſolve with a firme and conſtant purpoſe.

God give you the grace to doe it, and while you walke in that path, I will never leave you; I beſeech him to guide you alwaies with his holy ſpirit, and ſo adieu to you, and remember to bee adviſed.

Sir I pray God accompliſh you with all felicities, and that he wil bleſſe you with his benefits, as you have obliged me with your liberalities; for I cannot requite them, onely this I aſſure you, I ſhall never forget them, and ſo I humbly take my leave of you, with a thouſand recommends to your good graces.

Com.

Complements at a ſecond appointed meeting.

SIr, I have made you ſtay very long, but I pray you pardon mee, for I could not come any ſooner.

Sir, this is ſoone enough, I dranke a cup of wine this morning, to make the time paſſe merrily while I ſtayed for you, and now you are welcome; and I beſeech you to excuſe my boldneſſe in inviting you to ſo poore a dinner, which will not equall your ordinarie: but I have great confidence, that in your good diſpoſition, you know very well how to excuſe this errour, ſeeing that amongſt friends, we eſteeme not ſo much the food for the body, as that contentment which the minde conceives in the amitie and familiar converſation which we have one with another, as for me, you ſee my cuſtome.

Sir, the qualitie you poſſeſſe, and the amitie which is betweene us, make me ſo dearely to eſteeme you, that I can never refuſe your com-

panie. For there is nothing in the world which I deſire ſo much as the frequent benefit of your pleaſing converſation, as now you ſee I am ſo forward, that you neede not call mee twice.

I wiſh Sir, inſtead of my poore companie, it would pleaſe God to afford ſome occaſion of importance, wherein I might effectually expreſſe, that which I deſire to doe for you.

Sir, I never doubted your good will to mee, and therefore I give you many thankes, and I promiſe you that my intire affection ſhall never faile you in any thing where I am capable to doe you ſervice.

Sir, let us leave this diſcourſe I pray you, for I cannot doe any thing that may deſerve that value, but I ſhall ſtill remaine more obliged to you for your regard, having done me the honour to come to my poore houſe, and afford me the benefit of your good companie.

Sir, I ſee well by your accounts, that you are not a good Arithmetician, excuſe me Sir, I pray you, for ſpeaking in this manner, for it is I that have this honour, and I ſhould deſire to

enjoy

enjoy it longer, were it not that my affaires call for my attendance in another place.

Sir, being I cannot goe with you any further, by reason of these Gentlemen which expect my companie, I beseech you to excuse mee, and take it in good part that my Man wait of you to your lodging. Hon. heare you, goe and wait of this Gentleman to his lodging, and doe not leave him till you see him there, and faile not to salute my Cosen his wife in my name, and tell her, I send her a good night, wishing humble recommends.

When one commends our good Horſe.

SIr you have a good Horſe there.

Excuſe me Sir, this is a poore tit of little worth.

Sir, you ſhall pardon me, he is well made, every limbe hath his juſt proportion.

In that Sir, I ſhall agree with you, for I bought him for a good one, his head indeed is not amiſſe, and he carries it well enough, he hath a good foot, and a cleane legge, a good eye, a good haire, a good docke, and that well and long, and to exceed all this, he is well breathed: and ſuch as he is Sir, he is at your diſpoſe.

Sir, you honour mee too much, I have not deſerved it of you, But I am wholly yours, and that with all my heart: Nevertheleſſe I will not refuſe to uſe him when I have occaſion without your trouble, ſeeing this offer proceeds from your good will.

Sir, you know a friend is another ſelfe, and therefore we ought to have mutuall reſpects one to another.

Sir, make triall of me when you pleaſe, and you ſhall alwayes finde a congruitie betweene

tweene my words and actions, howſoever I ſhall bee alwayes carefull to performe my promiſe.

Sir, it is a thing I never doubted, and of my part I aſſure you of the like, for I may boldly ſweare that there is not a man in the whole world hath ſo much power with me as your ſelfe.

Sir I thanke you for it, I ſhall take the boldneſſe to come and viſit you very often, and to ſee how you do.

Sir you will oblige me very much, and when you do ſo, I ſhall ſay you are my friend indeed.

Sir I ſhall not faile, and ſo I take my leave of you, becauſe I have a little buſineſſe. Farewell Sir, I am wholly yours.

A Diſcourſe of Exerciſes.

SIr, I pray you tell mee what is your daily exerciſe, and I ſhall tell you mine.

Sir, I want none, for from eight in the morning, till ten, I ride the great horſe, and after dinner, I uſe to exerciſe my weapons. But how doe you beſtow your time?

I learne to dance, and to play upon the Lute, and I learne French alſo.

Sir, I beleeve your exerciſes are much pleaſanter then mine, but in the meane time they are not ſo uſefull nor ſo profitable, being they ſerve onely for a particular contentment, but mine are uſefull both in publique and in private occaſions in caſe of neceſſitie.

You ſay right Sir, but men of peace doe not deſire warre.

Nay Sir, it is not that I preferre warre before

fore peace, but yet it is good to be provided with defensive weapons.

That is true Sir, but in the meane time it is not fit for every man to take up armes, for sometimes it is better to suffer patiently, then to be too sudden in revenge.

Sir, that you speake is very true, but who observes it: that tenet is now out of request, which commands us to turne our right cheeke when we are strooke upon the left.

I beleeve it well, that for your part you cannot doe it, for you are too hastie, yet this is the holy Scripture, and I would wish you to consider, wee doe not want examples of it; yet wee must not relye upon examples onely, but chiefly upon Gods Commandements.

Alas Sir, there are very few now a daies, that thinke of it, and if you should speake thus in some places, they would take you for a Divine.

That's true, but for all that, it is fit that armes should have their limits as well as other things. A Magistrate may use them to Gods honour,

and the King ſervice: But private men being allowed to weare them, muſt not abuſe them, nor you muſt not be offended with me.

It is no part of my intention, for I know this proceeds of your good nature, which wiſheth no hurt to any one, and what we ſpeake, is but in the way of ſport and merriment.

To

To comfort a friend after the death of some Kinſman.

SIr, I deſire not to renue your griefe, or againe to open thoſe wounds which bleed inwardly alreadie in your heart, for this were an inhumane act, rather then the office of a friend, but the cauſe of my comming is to let you ſee the juſt reſſentment that I have of Maſter *N.* your Couſins death, and I ſweare to you, that troubles me as much as if it were the neareſt of mine owne alliance, for you know wee were alwaies very intimate and familiar friends.

Sir, his blond could not deny him, hee was the beſt of all my kindred, hee ever beheld mee with a friendly regard, and hee was a great comfort to me when hee found me afflicted and troubled in minde, beſides the other favours and aſſiſtances which I received daily.

This indeed I confeſſe Sir may juſtly increaſe our ſorrow, but yet wee have reaſon to

to be glad and praiſe God in this reſpect, ſeeing hee dyed a good Chriſtian, and after hee was well prepared for his laſt conflict, wherein it often happens, that the moſt aſſured finde many difficulties.

It is true Sir, yet in the meane time, you ſee his Wife hath a great charge of children, and but little meanes to maintaine them.

Sir, what deſire you more? God will bee their eſpeciall protector, and hee never forgets his charge, and you likewiſe for your part will not abandon them, as I aſſure my ſelfe in that opinion which I have of your good nature.

Sir, I know very well that I can expect nothing by it but charge and trouble, but that which grieves me, is his abſence, and to finde my ſelfe deprived of his pleaſant and familiar converſation, doth inceſſantly afflict my minde.

Sir,

Sir, I will agree with you that it is a matter of great difficultie, and almoſt impoſſible ſuddenly to take away the impreſſions of ſuch a juſt reſentment. Yet in the end wee muſt reſolve with holy *Iob* to bee patient, ſaying, God hath given, and God hath taken away, his Name bee praiſed; and ſince one may doe thus, this is the beſt way, for all the teares in the world cannot prevaile with death.

Sir, it is eaſie to give comfort to another, when wee our ſelves are not ſenſible of the evill, but when wee are to take it, then it is hard of digeſtion, eſpecially in ſuch accidents as this.

Sir, it cannot bee prevented, and yet you know it is better to dye once for all, then to dye a thouſand times by a living kinde of death: to lye a long time ſicke in bed, languiſhing of ſome painefull and grievous maladie, as wee ſee many that in the end are compelled to dye after ſuffering a thouſand deaths.

But

But Sir, if it had pleaſed God to let him live but five or ſixe yeeres longer, he had laid a good foundation to eſtabliſh his houſe, and to provide for the preferment of his children, which are now expoſed to the incertaine favours of thoſe friends which ſhall take charge of them, and I feare that thoſe who have moſt cauſe, will bee leaſt carefull to provide for them.

Sir, in ſuch caſes as this, where there is no remedy, wee may ſay as the great Patriarch *Abraham* ſaid to his ſonne *Iſaac*, God will provide; briefly Sir, you are wiſe and diſcreet enough to apprehend ſuch comfort as you thinke moſt fit. And ſo I deſire your favour to goe and take order for the diſpatch of an important buſineſſe.

Sir, I give you many thankes for your paines, and for your friendly viſite, whereby I have received great comfort: pleaſe you to drinke?

Sir

Sir, I thanke you with all my heart, it needs not at this time, take comfort in God alone, and you ſhall ſee that he will dry up all teares, which might bee tollerable in a woman or a childe, but in a man of your qualitie, I can never approve it; excuſe mee Sir I pray you. Adieu.

FINIS.